

PER PUPIL ADJUSTMENT AID for 2012-2013

Introduction: For the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the recent state biennial budget enacted a new ***categorical*** aid program for *one year only*. The intent of this aid is to provide additional revenue to school districts outside of their revenue limits.

Background: The Governor's proposed budget bill (AB40) proposed that the per pupil revenue limit adjustment for 2012-2013 would equal \$0. As the bill was debated, there was discussion about increasing this to \$100 per pupil. However, the final legislation included a \$50/pupil increase (sections 2576b and 2586g of 2011 WI Act 32).

In addition to the per pupil adjustment, \$42.5 million was allocated to create a one-year Per Pupil Adjustment Aid (Act 32 section 9137 (3r)). Under this section, DPI "shall pay to each school district that, in the fall of 2012, certifies the maximum amount allowed to be levied ... an amount equal to \$50 multiplied by the average of the number of pupils enrolled in the school district in 2010-11, 2011-12, and 2012-13 school years."

The amount of aid paid will be pro-rated in the event a district levies less than the maximum allowable and/or the allocation is insufficient to make the full payment to all districts. Carry-over revenue authority from 2011-12 will impact the pro-rating calculation for districts with carry-over.

It should be noted that this aid is *addition* to the per pupil revenue limit adjustment. It is essentially a matching aid for districts that use the revenue limit authority available that year. It is **not** a tax levy offset.

Aid Payment: The Department of Public Instruction will make the aid payment for this program in June 2013.

Following the certification of school district levies on or before November 6, 2012, the Department will provide an aid estimate based on actual enrollments, as well as the impact of recurring and non-recurring exemptions to the revenue limit formula.

In May, 2013, following completion of membership audits, the Department will complete a Final 2012-2013 Revenue Limit calculation. This calculation will be used to certify the aid payment to be made in June.

Account Coding: Districts are to code Per Pupil Adjustment Aid revenues to Source code 619 (Other Categorical Aids) for FY 12-13.

Additional Questions: If you have any additional questions, please contact

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